

Conservation Commission Application Form

For A RIVER CLEAN-UP on the _____ RIVER/BROOK

Proposed by (group) _____

Proposed work date(s) _____
rain date (s) _____

Date of approval by Conservation Commission _____

Groups' contact persons' names, address and tel.no:

1. What is the purpose of your clean-up? (access to river, canoe access, canoe passage through river, fishing access, habitat improvement) Describe:

Is the work you propose going to be? (you may need to determine this as you talk with the Commission members)

____ on the bank itself

____ on the stream bottom

____ in a wetland

____ in the buffer zone (within 100' of stream or wetlands)

____ in the Riverfront Area resource area [the Rivers Protection Act amended the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations to create a new 200'-wide (25' wide in certain densely developed communities/areas) resource area along all rivers and perennial streams]. Riparian areas along lakes, ponds, intermittent streams and man-made canals are not considered "rivers" and thus have no regulated Riverfront Area resource area.

Does the work include?

____ removing man made litter for scenic improvement

____ brush removal for walking or canoe access: describe amount and type of vegetation to be removed.

____ stream clearing for canoe passage: will logs be left for fisheries and wildlife habitat?

What is the minimum the group can remove and still allow canoe passage?

____ clearing the bottom of the stream of man-made trash?

Other, describe:

(Over)

2. Define where you are going to work.

Show the Commission on a map and describe the area as best you can. (Along the banks of the X river, between X street and Y bridge, from the bank to about 50 feet from the river.)

3. What tools do you plan to use?

____ hand-held tools only

____ power tools

____ bobcats? trucks?

____ other, describe?

4. How will you dispose of the trash collected?

5. What measures are you going to use to protect the natural resources: ie banks from eroding, silt from going into the stream, wetland damage. (This also may be determined in conjunction with the Commission.) Examples: leave vegetation on the banks, no cutting in the wetland vegetation, leave brush on the ground, leave snags in the stream for pooling and shelter for fisheries. Only remove those obstructions to flow in the main channel where you have the highest velocity. In the case of low flow rivers, when the flow is so low that you can't determine the main channel, stick to the middle third of the stream.

6. Do you have written permission from the landowner(s)? _____

Name(s) of owners

7. Conservation Commission Guidelines:

It is the responsibility of the applicants to inform the clean-up volunteers of the scope of the work to be done and the guidelines of the Conservation Commission.